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sharing knowledge about free software

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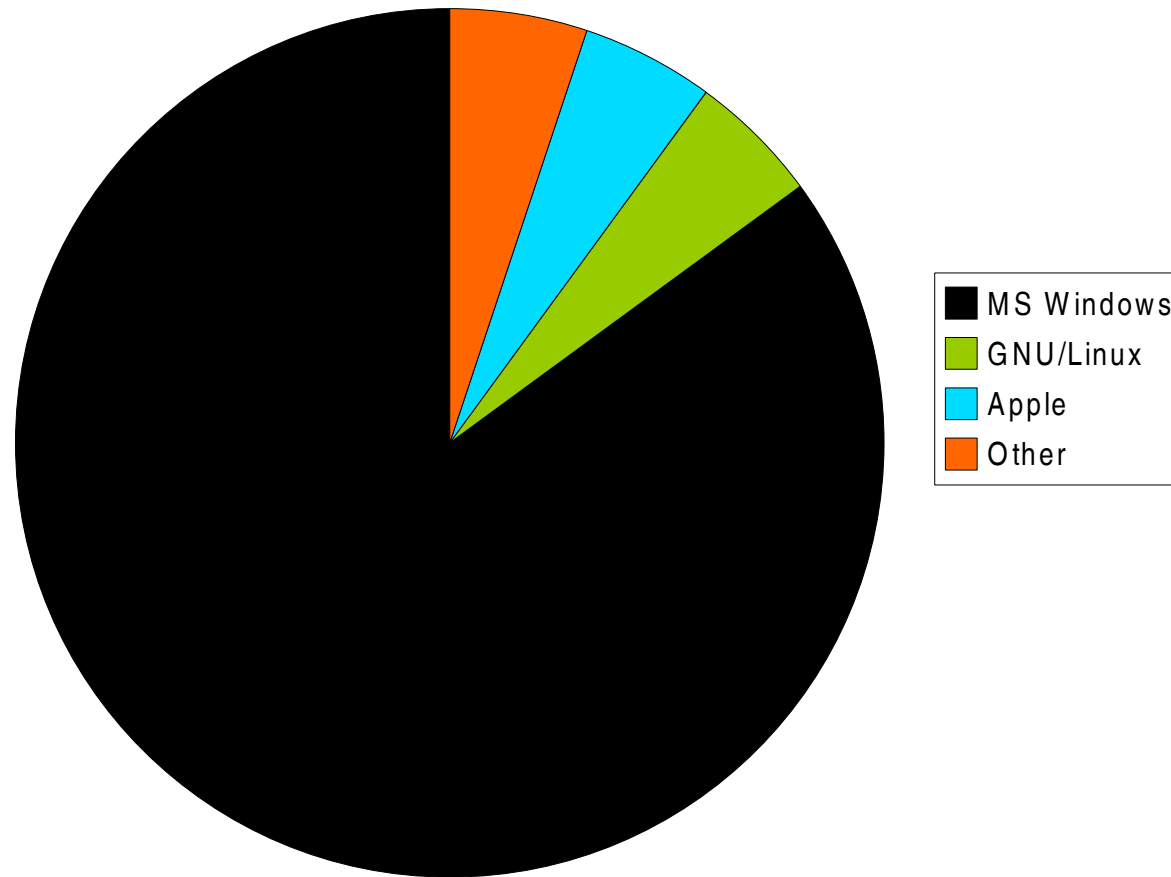
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Vendor lock-in

Marketshare



Open Standards

- adopted and maintained by a **not-for-profit organisation, open decision-making** procedures (**consensus**)
- published specifications are **freely available**
- possible patents are **irrevocably** made available on a **royalty-free** basis
- **no constraints** for the reuse of the standard



Free Software

- freedom to unlimited use
- freedom to study & modify (*)
- freedom to copy & redistribute
- freedom to improve & distribute (*)

(*) requires source code



Testcase: Free Software

- Open Standards are really open if implemented in Free Software
- ODF: OpenOffice, Koffice, AbiWord, ...
- HTML: Mozilla Firefox, Konqueror, ...
- SIP: Ekiga Softphone
- Jabber: Gaim, Kopete, ...
- PNG, OGG, SCORM, IMS LD, PDF, HTTP, TCP/IP



Why are we not using it?

Factors holding back the adoption of Free Software:

- lack of awareness
- perceived lack of (internal) technical support
- lack of qualified teachers
- lack of educational and training materials (fragmentation)



SELF Mission

SELF aims to facilitate the sharing of knowledge about Free Software and Open Standards

- by providing an open educational platform
- based on world class technology
- with accessible and quality materials
- by a worldwide community



Sharing Knowledge about Free Software

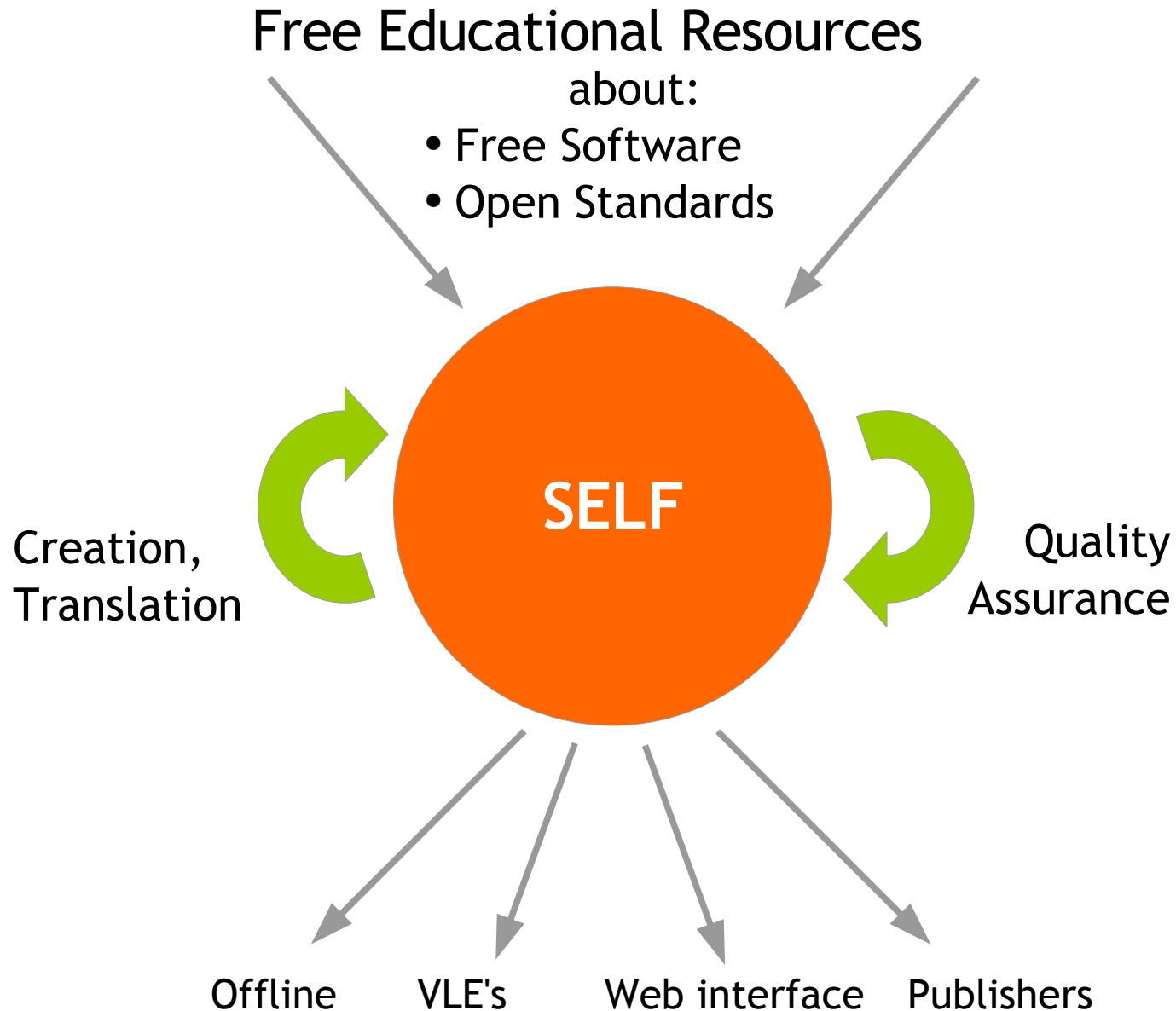


What is the SELF platform?

- knowledge base about:
 - Free Software
 - Open Standards
- collaborative production facility
- community of interested users



collaborative knowledge base



Sharing Knowledge about Free Software



SELF Founding Partners



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Free Software Foundation Europe (DE/EU)



Internet Society Bulgaria (BG)

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Sharing Knowledge about Free Software



SELF Teams

- Learning Standards
- Learning Materials
- Communication & Translation
- Quality Assurance
- Technical
- Legal



Sharing Knowledge about Free Software



Initial Priorities

1. Introduction to Free Software and Open Standards
2. Basic GNU/Linux operating system
3. Office tools
4. Educational Software
5. Enterprise Software
6. Multimedia
7. Open Standards



Sharing Knowledge about Free Software



Example Materials (1)



- Introduction to Free Software
- authors: J. Gonzalez-Barahona, J.S. Pascual, G. Robles
- Copyright: UOC
- License: GFDL
- languages: ES, CAT, UK



Sharing Knowledge about Free Software



Example Materials (2)



- Asterisk – Open Source VoIP van A tot *
- authors: G. de Deyn, N. Laton, Y. Permentier, H. v/d Eecken
- Review: Centrum voor Volwassenenonderwijs Vrij Technisch Instituut - Aalst
- License: Public Domain
- Languages: NL



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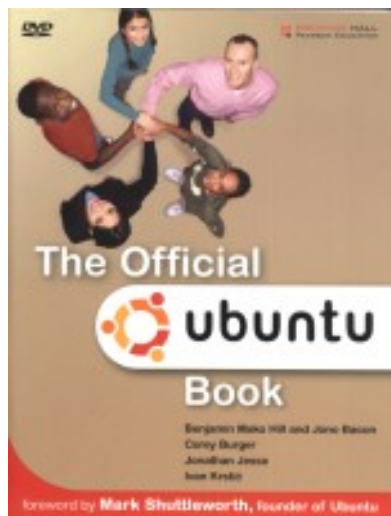
Example Materials (3)



- Teleleerplatform DOKEOS 1.6
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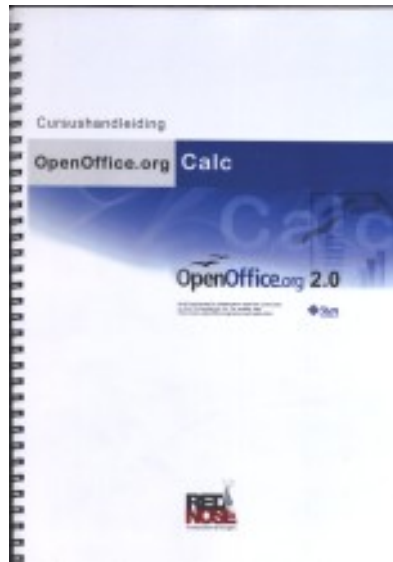
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- authors: B. Mako Hill, J. Bacon, C. Burger, J. Jesse, I. Krstic
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- OpenOffice.org 2.0 Calc Course Handbook
- authors: RedNose
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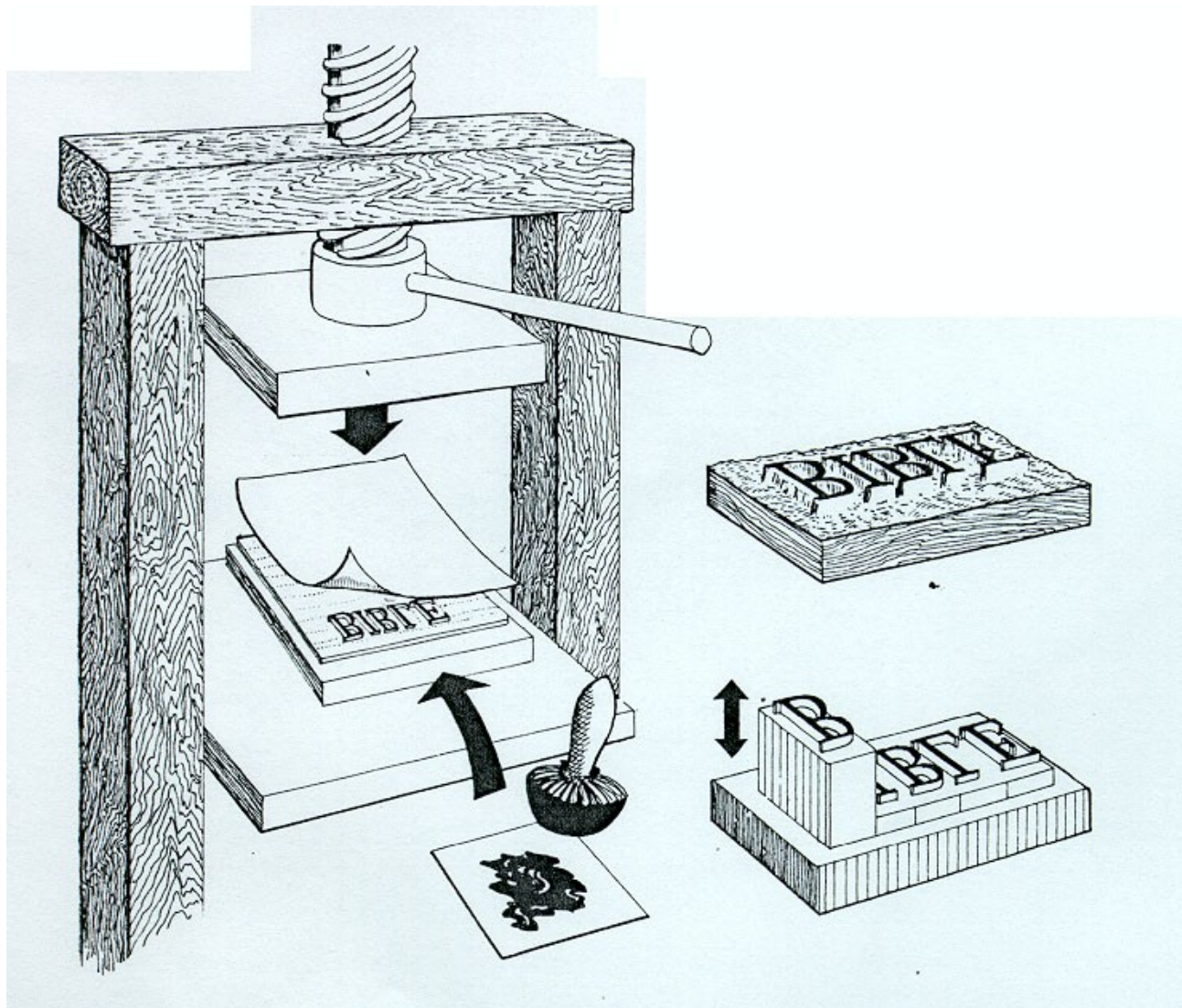
Example Materials (6)



- GNU Image Manipulation Program User Manual
- authors: various
- Copyright: The GIMP Documentation Team
- License: GFDL
- languages: NL, ES, FR, DE, UK, ...



Democratisation of information



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- participate in one of the SELF teams
- contribute materials
- spread the word
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